









Change in Maritime Security Condition May 21, 2003

The Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC) within the Houston-Galveston COTP zone is elevated to MARSEC 2. Waterfront facilities and vessel owners and operators immediately review and implement interim MARSEC 2 measures. These measures are intended to facilitate continued port operations with the appropriate degree of security, consistent with the Homeland Security Advisory System ORANGE Threat Level.

Local Coast Guard commands continue to coordinate with government agencies and the maritime community to ensure that all stakeholders in the Ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City are maintaining a heightened state of alert.

Specific inquiries regarding the interim measures or to report suspicious activities, contact MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0 or MSU Galveston at (409) 766-5400.

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